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BRIEF.

At Shanghai, on the 4th September, the wife of WILLIAM FORBES, of a son.
DEATH.
At Shanghai, on the 6th instant, PATRICK ANDERSON, aged 25 years.

TELEGRAMS.

(From the *Courier d'Haiphong*.)

FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

PARIS, August 30th.

It is believed that M. Richard will substitute

M. Constant in the Governor-Generalship of

French Indo-China.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The *Paris Temps* says that the French Government

will take no definite measures with regard to

Indo-China, before the arrival of Admiral de

Lamoignon.

A BATHING work from the pen of the

late M. J. V. Quinquas, on the "Colonisation of

Timor," is now being published by the *Correio**Macaense*.

Another newspaper will shortly be published

in the neighbouring Portuguese colony, and it

is said it will fly anti-governmental colours. We

think this is a great desideratum in the Holy

City.

We are informed that the Macao Colonial Secretary,

Senhor Costa Duarte, has been granted six

months' sick leave and that the *malade imaginaire*

will proceed to Lisbon by the next French

mail.

The *Courier d'Haiphong* says that under the

present circumstances a military force is required

in Annam and Tonquin composed of 6,000

Europeans and 12,000 natives, at an approximate

annual expenditure of francs 18,000,000.

OUR Tientsin contemporary states that the

Tungli Yamen has, after a long debate, in

which the Viceroys Li and Chang Chih-tung took

prominent parts, decided to refuse to ratify the

Treaty recently made in Washington by the

Chinese Minister there and the American Secretary

of State, Mr. Bayard.

WITH reference to the letter on "Paid Directors"

in our issue of yesterday, it is interesting to note

that recently some dissatisfied shareholders in

the Osaka Steamship Company sent a petition

to the Government, asking it to appoint officers

to audit the accounts, and examine generally into

the financial affairs of the Company.

THE Taku correspondent of the Shanghai

Mercury writes on the 30th ult.:—Cholera is

very bad among the natives, but among the

foreigners no sickness of a very deadly character

has prevailed during the whole summer. Indeed,

we feel proud of living in such a sanatorium,

when compared with some of the other ports of

China.

THE *Courier d'Haiphong* bears that Li-wing-fo,

formerly commander of the Black Flags, is

now in Kwang si as delegate of the Viceroy of

the Two Kwangs. It is believed that the former

regent Tzu-yet has taken refuge with Li-wing-fo,

after having failed in his attempt at effecting a

rising in the provinces of Bao-ninh, Haiduong

and Lang-son.

THE Band will play at the Officers' Mess,

Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at

8 o'clock p.m. The following will be the

programme:

March—"Boulogne".....Des. res.

Overture—"Le Diable".....Cernan.

Valse—"Un Premier Balquet".....Waldou.

Selection—"Ceres Diamant".....Cubice.

Selection—"L'Air de la Vierge".....Cubice.

Selection—"Different Opere".....Cubice.

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A NUMBER of items of local interest have

unavoidably been held over until to-morrow.

THE Government Astronomer in to-day's weather

report says:—"The typhoon appears to be

moving north-eastward in the Pacific. The

barometer is rising in southern China and the

Philippines."

MESSRS. W. POWELL & Co's "everlasting ink-

stands"—at least the one they have courageously

sent to this office—is a trifle weak to be of very

great use for hard writing—we mean the ink, not

the bottle. Perhaps it will like port wine,

improve in tone with keeping. However, it is

a cheap article at thirty cents, and will be found

a great boon in the country and for travellers.

THE following were the passengers on board the

transport *India* which left Macao on the 12th

ult. and put back a few days afterwards with

cholera on board: 17 officers, 19 soldiers, 2

artisans, 33 family persons, 92 African soldiers,

4 Government employés, and 3 convicts, totalling

270, irrespective of the vessel's officers and crew.

It is said another transport is on her way out to

convey these men to Timor and Lisbon respectively.

THE *Ostasiatische Lloyd* says that one more

house has tumbled down in Port Arthur, the

residence of the Captain of the Port, Commander

Rogers, R.N.; this time the accident has not

been attended by fatal results. This house was

not built by the French Syndicate, but by a

native contractor. The transport *Leeyuen* is

still carrying granite slabs from Shitan Bay to

Port Arthur, for the Dock. The latter is said to

be practically "drowned," there being four

feet of water in it.

FIVE Chinese coolies were convicted by Mr.

Wardhouse at the Police Court this morning on

a charge of gambling last night at No. 6

Gilmann's Bazaar. It was the usual story, three

informers who gambled there before, etc., etc.

Instead of sending the informers to gaol for

three months as incorrigible rogues and vaga-

bonds, His Worship fined the first gambler \$200,

with the alternative of six months, and the

others \$50 or a month. Only one victim, second

defendant, nated up. The others went in to

rather "congest" the gaol. Oh, what fools

we be!

WITH reference to the youthful Chinese leader

of pirates, whose departure from Macao we

announced yesterday, we are now in possession

of the following information sent us by our

correspondent. It appears that the youth's

father, who is no less a personage than Mr. Tong-

King-Sing, engaged Mr. Pacheco's services to

obtain his son's release from the Macao Gaol

where he was confined. It was alleged by the

Macao advocate that as the prisoner was a

minor and had committed a crime against his

own parents, there was no provision in the

Portuguese Penal Code to criminally proceed

against him unless his parents had proffered a

charge. As Mr. Tong-King-Sing refrained from

charging his son with the criminal acts perpetrated

by him in leading an armed band of

pirates to his mother's house, and as he promised

to have the youthful culprit sent to a house of

correction in England, the Macao Government

granted the prisoner's release. This is, in our

opinion, a very rosy version of the whole affair,

especially if we take into consideration our

Canton correspondent's assertion that the young

man is in the vicinity of Macao, and on the eve

of getting married to a wealthy Mandarin's

daughter. The house-of-correction hypothesis

fills far before this revelation; and it only

remains for us to sit in gaping wonderment at

both the Portuguese Penal Code and its faithful

interpreters, the lawyers and the Government of

the Holy City.

At the Police Court this morning before Mr.

Serrcombe-Smith, two married women were

charged by a man named Wing Tai, with taking

his wife out of the colony and detaining her by

force for purposes of prostitution on the 19th

April last. Mr. J. Hastings, from the office of

Messrs. Wotton & Deacon, appeared for the

defence. The first witness, a Chinese detective,

said that yesterday the complainant came to him

and reported the redemption and recovery of his

wife, and wanted to have the two defendants

arrested for forcibly taking her away from the

colony. The accused were found, one at a house

No. 3 Wing On Lane and the other at No. 45

High Street, where they were taken into custody

on the above charge. The next witness, com-

plainant's wife, said that on the 17th April last

she went out of her husband's house to bring

water from the Tank in High street when she

met the two defendants, with whom she was

intimate. They asked her to come into their

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